The Greene County Electoral Board on **November 18, 2021** was called to order at 10:15 a.m. by Chair Ellen Deane at the Registrar's Annex in Stanardsville, VA.

## Present:

Ellen Deane, Chairman Douglas Miller, Vice-Chairman Roberta Culbertson, Secretary Jennifer Lewis-Fowler, Registrar

## **Board**

Minutes of the November 3, 2021 and Canvass meeting following the November 2, 2021 election, which was reconvened on November 6, 2021, were read and approved.

General review of the election of November 2, 2021:

Douglas Miller noted that the public is unclear on the meaning of "curing" ballots. Chair Ellen Deane moved and the Board agreed that Douglas Miller will write to the Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Elections and the State Board of Elections asking for clarification of the meaning of "curing" ballots.

The Board discussed policy regarding voting in nursing homes. The General Registrar will investigate State policy, and the Board will raise the question at the VEBA training in March, 2022. The next Board will follow up as necessary.

## General Registrar

Continued review of election of November 2, 2021:

The GR reported that emergency site agreements are in need of renewal for all precincts. The Board voted to recommend that the Electoral Board in place in the new year ensure functional, ADA-approved and quickly accessible alternate sites for emergencies prior to the next election.

Minor issues at other precincts were addressed: Ensuring lighting is on at the Swift Run District polling place by 5:00 a.m.; memo from Midway Precinct polling place requesting that staff and parents park appropriately and allow voters to utilize the parking area nearest the gymnasium; possibility of round tables at Midway Precinct to make use of privacy booths more efficient; loose drain pipe at Ruckersville Fire Department (Ruckersville Precinct) addressed to Fire Department; remove outside bell at Dyke Precinct at next election.

The GR reported that the November 2, 2021 election cost Greene County approximately \$20,000, or approximately \$2.35 per vote. Costs included hiring extra staff for Early Voting, preprocessing ballots, programming the voting machines, election day officers, etc.

The Department of Elections will be moving to an updated voter registration system in 2022, which will entail major changes in procedures and additional expenditures of funds and time.

Changes to precinct lines and possibly a new district are needed and re-districting options will be presented to the Board of Supervisors in December.

Ellen Deane's term of service ended at close of meeting. Greene County is grateful for her eighteen years of service to the Electoral Board, and the Board and General Registrar wished Mrs. Deane Godspeed.

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The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roberta Culbertson, Secretary

Signed:

Ellen Deane – Chairman

Roberta Culbertson – Secretary

Douglas Miller – Vice Chairman